

HIGHAM Spout

News and Views from the Village of Higham



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▲ On 6th August 2016 Scott Fitzpatrick son of Michael and Mandy Fitzpatrick married Jessica Boylin, daughter of Carl and Janet Boylin from Swinton. They got married at St Peter's Church in Swinton followed by an afternoon and evening reception at the Fisherman's Retreat in Ramsbottom. They honeymooned in Sri Lanka and the Maldives. They have made their home in Ipswich.



▼ *Thank You from Ray!* On Saturday 25th June Ray Stevenson completed his 1 mile sponsored walk around Victoria Park just 12 months since leaving hospital after suffering a stroke. Apparently he finished the walk with very little swearing! Ray, his wife Ann [below right] and their friend Carol Crowther raised £500 for The Stroke Association with much support and "encouragement" from Banny, Matt, residents and the regulars of the Four Alls.

▼ Stephen and Patricia Anne Wignall of Clover Croft are pleased to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Eloise Jean Wignall, a daughter for Jamie and Sophie Wignall of Gawthorpe View.



● Congratulations to Ann and Chris Rawlinson, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 24th September with a trip to New York.



● Gwennie Crossley, on 29th June, aged 88, died in Blackburn Hospital. The dearly loved wife of the late Alan, loving mother of Margaret and Elaine, dearly loved grandma and great grandma. A long term resident of Higham, she moved recently to Wheatley Lane.

● Aylwin Boothman. "Olly B" died peacefully in Blackburn Hospital on 23rd August, aged 73. Our condolences go to Jane, Paul and Tracy and Chris and Alex and his grandchildren. He will be sadly missed by his wide circle of friends.

● Gerald Thornhill of Acres Brook Road. Our condolences to his wife Peggy and family. Gerry served the village as a Parish Councillor for many years.

● Elsie Craven after a long illness. She had been a member of St John's Church choir for over 20 years and had been presented with the Royal School of Church Music's Long Service Award & medal at a special service in Blackburn Cathedral. Many people will remember her beautiful voice. Our condolences go to her family and friends.

● Annette Lambert died peacefully at home aged 77 after a protracted kidney illness. More than 150 friends and relatives attended a service at St. John's Church. The family resided at Higham Hall before moving to the adjoining Cart House. Annette initiated Brownies in the village and was an active supporter and fund raiser for the various charitable events held in their barn, for Ladies Circle/Round Table and Inner Wheel/Rotary. Annette played a leading role in establishing family planning and Brook Advisory locally, serving on the National Council of those bodies. She was Nurse Tutor for such services throughout the North West Region until her retirement.



Our last issue featured the news that the 'brewery' had amended their tenancy terms with Michael and Matt, with the result being that they left the Four Alls in August. Fears were quickly allayed, however, when Jay arrived and we wish him and all the team well.

The popular Quiz continues on Monday evenings. *Above:* Another classic view from Margery Cooke, showing the Inn, Spout and her families' butchers shop. *Right:* The Fours remains popular and was one of the venues for this year's Rotary walk for the Hospice.



CHRISTMAS FAIR will be held on Sunday 4th December in Higham School between 11am and 3pm. Stalls, tombolas & raffle, plus hot & cold food and drinks. Father Christmas will also be in attendance.

SANTA AT THE FOUR ALLS will be held at 6pm in the Grotto on the car park on Sunday 18th December. Tickets from John 547778 or Matt 07803 143576

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Parish Council Meetings
Nov 15, Dec 20, Jan 17
and Feb 21 at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall

HIGHAM
with West Close Booth
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Residents are welcome to attend their Parish Council meetings. There is a Public Question Time at the beginning of each meeting and there is no need to make a prior arrangement to speak.

Hi. We were disappointed with the poor result in this year's Best Kept Village Competition - we were not even in the top eight. Thanks to the people who made the effort. That said, the hanging baskets were a great success, absolutely fantastic with a good response. The village playground renovation is nearly complete. The sheds have been renovated and are now weatherproof; the path to them has been completed. All looking good. I am not going to mention dog fouling this time! We hope you like the new trees on the park which should look good in a few years. The bollards on the cobbles near the Spout have made it safer to turn out of Sabden Road.

I would like to thank Richard for the flower display at the bottom of the village and Mel for the great job he does caring for the village square and the rockery at the top of the village. Bye for now **MT**

CHANGES TO THE ANNUAL SENIORS' CHRISTMAS PARTY
Monday 5th December 2016 at 6pm

Due to council cutbacks and the increase in people now aged 60 and over, we have had to make changes. From this year onwards, the qualifying age will increase by one year until age 65, so, this year only villagers of 61 and over will be eligible (next year, 62 etc.) The Village Hall can only seat 80 and at the last count there were 178 people over 60 living in Higham. Also it will be a ticket only event on a first come, first served basis. This has proved to be a very popular evening where you can enjoy the company of other villagers, and of course our evening's entertainment. There's Sarah's famous canapés and a complimentary sherry on arrival, then a Christmas meal with dessert. There will be a licenced bar where drinks can be purchased, as this is NOT a 'bring your own' drinks event. Tickets are £2 each. If you wish to attend this event please contact Michael Tetley as soon as possible on 773450.

We still need a new Parish Councillor to replace Rachael, whom I would like to thank for her work. Contact the Chairman or Clerk for more details.



HIGHAM IN BLOOM

How pleasing it was to walk around the village and see so many of you displaying hanging baskets; it just made the village look very colourful. The judges said all the baskets were to such a high standard that it's a shame we can't give everyone a prize.

I would first like to thank our three judges from the Higham & District Gardening Club, who were Eileen Knight, Margaret Hynes and John Fothergill. They spent three days walking around the village and made sure they missed nothing. They did say it was a very hard task as there were so many beautiful hanging baskets, especially the displays at Carolyn Stanworth's on Wesley Mount and Margaret & Bernard Ingham's on Higham Hall Road, to name just two arrangements. Below are the judges' decisions:

1st prize: A garden centre voucher for £40 to Margaret & Michael Green, Nandana, Sabden Road.

2nd prize: A garden centre voucher for £10 to Simon Blezard, Brooks Hall Farm, Higham Hall Road.

Pictured with Higham Parish Council Chairman Michael Tetley is Michael Green. On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank everyone who took time to make and display a hanging basket this summer. **JH**



SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Once again, a great success. The villagers made some brilliant scarecrows - there were about 70 in all. The weather wasn't brilliant on Saturday and Sunday but Monday certainly made up for it. It was a beautiful sunny day and the village was packed with happy, smiling people! In fact it was the best day we've ever had. The catering in the Village Hall was always busy - thanks to everyone who provided food and help. Also thanks to all those who helped selling trail maps etc. in the Hall and at the bottom of the village.

John Gillmore from BBC Radio Lancashire was our judge. Prize winners were Linda and Pete Broxup in first place with 'An octopus's garden', Brian and Kath Walker in second place with 'We are the Diddymen' and the Cockings family in third place with 'Islands in the stream'. The public vote went to Alan and Linda Sharpe with Elton John. Mention must be made of our 'live scarecrow' - Mel Saunders - who entertained the crowds each day with his renditions of 'Bye bye blackbird'.

Lots of other prizes were awarded at the Scarecrow Ball. The weather was definitely not on our side but the rain eventually stopped at tea time and over 80 guests enjoyed a lovely barbecue (thanks Dave and Chris) and entertainment. Thanks also to everyone who helped with setting up and taking down the marquee.

Overall we raised £5000; to be split between Church and Village Hall funds. Well done everyone! We couldn't do it without your scarecrows. **TB**



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The big news since the last Spout was that St John's School received our second inspection of the year. Following on from our 'Good' rating by OFSTED, we were delighted to receive an 'Outstanding Church School' grade from the The National Society. In the report the school was highly praised for our inclusive and welcoming Christian ethos, our joyful learning environment and our enthusiastic and secure learners... amongst many other positive comments! The full reports, are available on our website. www.highamstjohns.com During this term, as part of the Harvest appeal and beyond, we are supporting the charity WaterAid, in the hope that we can raise at least £400, initially from the appeal and a Grandparents' Coffee Morning and then another £200 afterwards through a copper collection. This would enable our village to provide three villages in Uganda with fresh, clean water and basic sanitation for years to come. As a poignant reminder throughout the term of what a difference we will be making, our collection point is a toilet!

As we move towards Christmas, we would like to take the opportunity to invite you to our community showing of the nativity 'Shine Star Shine', which takes place on Tuesday 13th December at 2:30pm in school. Tickets are free, but we do ask that you call us on 772376 to book a place. We hope to see you then, if not before. **GH**

Below: Last year's year-6s enjoying their famous Patterdale Residential.



SUNDAY SCHOOL - Meets each Sunday during term time at 9.30am. Huge thanks to Jill Brown and her team for preparing and delivering the lessons to the youngsters who really enjoy, and learn from, each session.

Village Hall: Bookings Anne Rawlinson 770729

- **BABY AND TODDLER GROUP** Continues to meet each Tuesday, during term time, in the village hall at 10am .
- **HIGHAM AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB** Meets on the second Tuesday of the month, 7.45pm.
- **PENNINE HERB SOCIETY** Last Tuesday of the month 7.45pm
- **U 3 A CRAFT** Twice monthly, Thursdays 10am till 12 noon

All welcome to these meetings which have a wide range of interesting topics. Contact Eileen Knight 773258.



Percussion workshop on Rainbow day

Church Services

Weekly at 9.30am unless as shown.

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† SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE **Sunday November 13** at 10:30 am

† **Sunday November 20** FAMILY (TOY) SERVICE 9.30am, please donate new, or good as new, toys for distribution by Barnardo's. CONFIRMATION SERVICE, Fence, 6.30pm. Bishop Philip.

† ADVENT SUNDAY SERVICES: **November 27** Higham Choral Eucharist 9.30am and at 6pm JOINT Advent Service at Newchurch

† CAROL SERVICE **Sunday December 4** at 4pm followed by sherry & mince pies

† CHRISTMAS EVE 11.30pm Midnight Mass † CHRISTMAS DAY 10am Communion and Carols **AW**